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#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DRAFT REPORT

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has extended the public comment period on the draft Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, Coastal Plain Resource Assessment and Legislative Environmental Impact Statement. The report analyzes the oil and gas potential of a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

A notice of availability of the report and a comment period ending January 23, 1987, was published in the November 24, 1986, Federal Register. Public hearings on the draft report were held recently in Washington, DC, and in Anchorage and Kaktovik, Alaska.

In response to requests to extend the deadline for comments, the Service announced it will accept public comments through February 6, 1987. Comments concerning the report should be addressed to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Refuges, Room 2343, Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20240.

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